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WEST INDIES.

Report from Barbados—Inspection of vessels—Smallpox in Grenada—Fumigation of steamship Dunstan from Manaos and Para to destroy mosquitoes—Case of suspect tuberculosis on vessel.

Assistant Surgeon Ward reports, May 24, as follows:

During the week ended May 20, 1905, bills of health were issued to 6 steamships and 5 sailing vessels with 335 crew, 108 cabin, and 163 steerage passengers. Of this number I inspected 4 steamships, 2 sailing vessels, 214 crew, and 163 steerage passengers. There were 7 crew, 42 cabin, and 78 steerage passengers taken on at this port.

The quarantine authorities of this port have received a report from Grenada, West Indies, dated May 18, 1905, which says that the family in St. Patrick's parish was discharged from isolation on the 11th instant, and that no other case has occurred in that district.

In the words of the report, the situation in the parish of St. Andrew is as follows:—

In the original district 11 cases have been reported, 6 occurring on the 9th instant, in one family of vaccinated contacts with the last previous case, and the last being on the 15th. The whole family just mentioned has been isolated, and energetic measures continue to be adopted. All recent cases are extremely mild. Indeed mildness may be said to be the chief characteristic of this disease, to which, to any one who has seen real "smallpox," it seems absurd to give that name, and to treat it with the same respect. It causes no inconvenience to the patient, and its death rate is nil.

On May 20 I fumigated with sulphur to kill mosquitoes all the compartments, including the empty holds, of the British steamship *Dunstan*, from Manaos via Para, in water ballast, bound to Galveston, Tex. The crew, 33 in number, were free from any quarantinable disease; one employee, I believe, has tuberculosis of the lungs.

No cases of smallpox have developed from the case found in Bridgetown, Barbados, on May 9, and which was isolated at the Pelican Island quarantine station. The sick man is now convalescing.

The general health of this island continues good.

Report from Castries, St. Lucia Island—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Mortality—Health conditions.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Fricks reports, May 20, as follows:

Week ended May 20, 1905: Bills of health issued to vessels bound for United States ports, 4.

The steamship *Homer*, from Rio de Janeiro and Santos, Brazil, bound for New Orleans, was fumigated May 20.

The sanitary condition of this port is good.

During the month of April there were 57 deaths in the first district of St. Lucia, which includes Castries and contains, approximately, 20,000 people.

The causes of death as registered were as follows: Abscess, 1; anchylostomiasis, 1; apoplexy, 1; child birth, 1; convulsions, 1; debility, 3; dentition, 4; diarrhea, 2; dropsy, 2; epileptic coma, 1; hemorrhage from bowels, 1; madness, 1; deformity of mouth, 1; nephritis, chronic, 2; old age, 1; paralysis, 2; phthisis pulmonalis, 3; puerperal septicaemia, 1; senility, 4; stillbirths, 3; syphilis, 3; dysentery, 1; thrombosis of heart, 1; worms, 5. The cases of malarial fevers reported are not numerous, but diseases due to intestinal parasites are particularly so.